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TO AMEMBASSY RABAT

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E.O. 11652:N/A

TAGS: EINV, MO

SUBJECT: U.S. CITIZENS' LAND CLAIMS

REF: RABAT 2323

1. PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF NEW MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR BENGELLOUN, DEPTOFF DISCUSSED UNCOMPENSATED LAND CLAIMS ISSUE WITH CHARGE EL KASRI AND WITH ECONOMIC COUNSELOR BENJELLOUN. EL KASRI ADVISED THAT LATEST COMMUNICATION FROM RABAT ON SUBJECT IN EMBASSY FILES DATED FROM EARLY THIS YEAR, AND OUTLINED GENERAL GOM POSITION THAT CLAIMS MAY BE SETTLED ANYTIME IF USG WILL ESPOUSE THEM, BUT MUST AWAIT SETTLEMENT OF ALL GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH OTHER NATIONS IF CLAIMS ARE TO BE SETTLED INDIVIDUALLY WITH CLAIMANTS.

2. AFTER APPRISING MOROCCAN EMBOFFS OF CURRENT STATE OF PLAY IN RABAT ON BASIS REFTTEL, WE REQUESTED THAT MATTER BE RAISED WITH NEW AMBASSADOR IN ORIENTATION BRIEFINGS GIVEN  
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TO HIM. ECON COUNSELOR REPORTED TO US ON JUNE 16 THAT HE HAD DONE SO, AND THAT AMBASSADOR HAD APPROVED MESSAGE TO

FONMIN WITH INTENT OF REINFORCING EFFORTS OF EMBASSY RABAT TO ELICIT SOME WRITTEN INDICATION OF MANNER AND METHOD THAT GOM NOW FORESEES TO SETTLE MATTER, SO AS TO BOLSTER DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS TO REASSURE CLAIMANTS AND FORESTALL

ADVERSE ACTION.

3. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO INQUIRE AGAIN IN NEAR FUTURE WITH  
SECRETARY OF STATE CHERKAOUI WHEN PROMISED DIPLOMATIC  
NOTE MAY BE FORTHCOMING. VANCE

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